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MO HEALTHNET EHR INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO LAUNCH APRIL 4, 2011

The Health Information Technology and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) offers incentive payments to encourage eligible professionals and hospitals to adopt certified Electronic Health Records (EHRs). Missouri's Medicaid EHR Incentive Program will be open for registration on Monday, April 4, 2011.

To qualify for Medicaid incentive payments during the first year, participants must meet volume thresholds for Medicaid patients and show that they have adopted, implemented, or upgraded to certified EHR technology. In subsequent years, payments require demonstration of meaningful use of certified EHR technology.

Under the program, eligible professionals can receive up to \$63,750 in incentive payments over six years; hospital amounts are based on an established formula.

ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS

Eligible professionals (EPs) include physicians, dentists, certified nurse midwives, nurse practitioners; and physician assistants practicing in rural health clinics or Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) led by a physician assistant. EPs must have at least a 30% patient volume attributable to Medicaid (20% for pediatricians). EPs can base their volume on either their *individual* Medicaid patient encounters or the *practice's* Medicaid patient encounters. Encounters include both fee-for-service and managed care for which Medicaid paid in whole or in part.

Eligible hospitals (EHs) include: acute care hospitals, all stand-alone children's hospitals, cancer hospitals, and critical access hospitals. EHs must have at least 10% Medicaid patient volume, except for Children's hospitals.

REGISTRATION

Eligible professionals and hospitals can [register](#) with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for Missouri's Medicaid EHR Incentive Program on the CMS web page.

MO HealthNet's new [provider outreach page](#), designed to support the program, will go live on April 4, 2011. Initially the site will centralize national, regional and state resources and offer:

- a check list of information required to apply for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program,
- links to federal Web sites for registration and a list of certified EHR products, and
- real-time feeds of current Health Information Technology news and updates from federal organizations including CMS.

In May 2011, additional functionality will allow professionals and hospitals to initiate the attestation process; new features will include:

- workbooks to support eligibility determinations and payment calculation,
- capability to accept electronic documentation and
- a secure portal to register in the Missouri State Level Registry (SLR) and apply for incentives – information is customized for hospitals, professionals or groups

Missouri's program anticipates making initial provider payments in July 2011.

Detailed information may be found on the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services [EHR Web site](#). Questions may be directed to Missouri's Medicaid EHR Incentive Program staff via [e-mail](#).

Provider Bulletins are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) (Formerly the Division of Medical Services) Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

MO HealthNet News: Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD Web site at <http://dss.missouri.gov/mhd/global/pages/mednewssubscribe.htm> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

MO HealthNet Managed Care: The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the red MO HealthNet card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

Provider Communications Hotline
573-751-2896